(b) if so, the manner in which Government propose to monitor the drug prices?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a), as above.

Per capita foodgrain consumption

1067. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state;

(a) the average quantity of per capita foodgrain consumption in the year 2001-2002,2002-03 and 2003-04; and

(b) the average consumption of food in terms of calorie-potential for one adult person in the country as compared to the average in the world scale of consumption during 2003-04?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) As per available information, the availability of foodgrains per capita per day in the country for the years 2000, 2001, 2002 is 454.4, 416.2 and 491.2* grams respectively. (*The figure for 2002 is provisional).

(b) As per estimate of National Sample Survey Organisation, the average consumption of food in terms of Calories per adult person per day is 2149 for rural and 2156 for urban, while the average world consumption as per Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)'s estmate is 2800 K Cal.

Stock and distribution of foodgrains

†1088. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of foodgrains available togetherwith the quantum thereof which gets rotten every year in the country; and

(b) the quantum of foodgrains made available every year to the persons living below poverty line?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The stock position of foodgrains (Rice and Wheat) available in Central Pool (Stock with FCI and State Agencies) during last two years was as follows.

(Figures in lakh tonnes)

As on	Stock with FCI	Stock with State Agencies	Total
31.3.2003	188.91	139.11	328.02
31.3.2004	125.91	74.09	200.00

The quantity of unfit/rotten foodgrains varies from year to year depending upon weather conditions, unprecedented/incessant rains, Cyclones, floods, spillage, etc.

The stocks of FCI rendered unfit for human consumption during last two years are as follows.

(Figures in lakh tonnes)

As on	Stock rendered Unfit	%age
31.3.2003	1.30	0.68
31.3.2004	0.33	0.26

(c) Allocation of foodgrains to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families is made @ 35 KG per family per month. The details of allotment of foodgrains (Rice & Wheat) to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families during the last two years is as follows.

(Figures in lakh tonnes)

Year	Allotment
2002-03	268.99
2003-04	271.05